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in Thuringia

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1. In a forest\* near Goldlauter, Thuringia, from 100 to 150 tanks were parked for more than four weeks (throughout September) and camouflaged. Most of these were of the type T-34, but some were Stalin tanks equipped with a device for clearing mines. Two tractor tanks (Schlepppanzer) which were equipped with machineguns were observed. The tanks were under trees and set up on tracks. Many tanks were completely covered with grass sod, so that they appeared to be hillocks in the forest.
2. About three kilometers from the tank park, there is a camp at Schmiedefeld with log cabins for the tank crews. There are three open-air kitchens, and a large oven is under construction.
3. The young Russian troops are well clothed. The enlisted men must stay in camp. The officers travel by automobile to Zella-Mehlis, where there is an officers' mess. The cars used by the officers are of the German model Opel Olympia 1936.

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[redacted] Comment: This forest (Mischwald) is described as containing  
coniferous and deciduous trees.

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